Hartlepool Model Flying Club

Minutes for the meeting held on
WEDNESDAY 21st October 2026
at South Durham Social Club
(Former Steelworks Club)

1. **Apologies for absence**
   Robert Walker

   There were 8/22 members present

2. **Matters arising from last months minutes**
   No matter arising.

3. **Chairman's report**
   Nothing to report

4. **Secretary's report**
   Nothing to report.

5. **Treasurer's report**
   The club finances now stand as follows.
   Cash at the bank = £1055.41
   Cash in hand = £115.95
   Total = £1171.36

6. **Welfare officers report**
   Nothing to report

7. **BMFA delegate's report**
   Absent so nothing to report

8. **Club business**

- **Flying Field Update**
  The field has been cut recently, it's in good condition and shouldn't need many more cuts this year. We are still parking outside the gate, it's something we will have to live with for the moment. Chairman Paul is planning on seeing the farmer soon and hopefully make some progress with the parking problem.

- **Membership 2026**
  Paid up club membership currently stand at 22 members of which 19 are full members and 3 are social members.

- **Flyer & Operator ID Information.**
  We have 17 members with a Flyer ID and 19 with an Operator ID. If you have a Flyer ID and haven't yet sent the information to Bob please do so. If you haven't got it yet organise it ASAP.
  If you have a Flyer ID it lasts for 5 years so you should be ok if you got it last year. If you haven't got one please get it sorted.

- **BMFA Achievement Scheme**
  Anyone wanting to take the BMFA A or B competency certificate please see Mike or Bob.

- **Club Merchandise**
  We have club hats, caps & sun hats for sale after the meeting.

- **Events on the club website**
  There are very few events left on the club website for this year, if anyone knows of others that club members would be interested in please let me know.
  Indoor flying takes place with The Peterlee club on 1st and 3rd Saturdays and the Washington Club at Nissan on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

9. AOB

- **Posting on Social Media**
  Our local area BMFA have put out a reminder about posting pictures of crashed models on social media. One in particular was a modeller that lost sight of the model resulting in a crash (not our club). This posting business is something we have been warned about before, it can bring the modelling community into disrepute and it's not the image that we need to project about our hobby.
  Further to this, the question was then asked whether the modeller had reported the matter to the CAA (as we are now required to do) due to it being a possible serious incident!!!

10. Next Months Activities.

The next Club meeting is on 18th November
The next meeting will be the AGM.

REMINDER - ALL renewal fees (BMFA, CAA, Club) are due from the AGM and by the end of the year, not carried over to the March meeting as it was in the past

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Following the meeting we held the Build a model event which was postponed from last meeting. This went down well, our flight times are improving, soon we will be able to crack the 4 second barrier :o)